

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1 1-6. (canceled)

1 7. (previously amended) An apparatus for shielding a user's eye while allowing the user's  
2 eye contact with air, the apparatus comprising:

- 3 a. a frameless eyeshield having an optically correct viewing area; and  
4 b. a cushioning structure affixed to at least a portion of the perimeter of the  
5 eyeshield wherein the cushioning structure includes a plurality of vents  
6 formed by holes in the cushioning structure for allowing air to circulate  
7 behind the eyeshield.

1 8. (original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 further comprising openings in the  
2 eyeshield for coupling a strap to the eyeshield.

1 9. (previously amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8 wherein the length of the strap  
2 is adjustable for holding the eyeshield in front of the eye.

1 10. (previously amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the plurality of vents  
2 do not distort vision.

1 11-18. (canceled)

1 23. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein a nose-bridge portion of  
2 the cushioning structure is affixed to a single surface of the eyeshield.

1 24. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein a nose-bridge portion of  
2 the cushioning structure has a plurality of vents formed by holes in the cushioning  
3 structure.

1 25. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the eyeshield provides  
2 structural support for a means of securing the eyeshield to the user.

- 1 26. (previously added) An apparatus for shielding a user's eye while allowing the user's eye  
2 contact with air, the apparatus comprising:
- 3 a. an eyeshield having an optically correct viewing area; and  
4 b. a cushioning structure affixed to at least a portion of the perimeter of the eyeshield  
5 wherein the cushioning structure includes a plurality of vents for allowing air to  
6 circulate behind the eyeshield and wherein at least a nose-bridge portion of the  
7 cushioning structure is affixed to a single surface of the eyeshield.
- 1 27. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 further comprising openings in  
2 the eyeshield for coupling a strap to the eyeshield.
- 1 28. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 27 wherein the length of the strap  
2 is adjustable for holding the eyeshield in front of the eye.
- 1 29. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 wherein the plurality of vents  
2 do not distort vision.
- 1 30. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 wherein the plurality of vents  
2 include holes in the cushioning structure.
- 1 31. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 wherein the nose bridge portion  
2 of the cushioning structure has a plurality of vents formed by holes in the cushioning  
3 structure.
- 1 32. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 wherein the eyeshield provides  
2 structural support for a means of securing the eyeshield to the user.
- 1 33. (previously added) An apparatus for shielding a user's eye while allowing the user's eye  
2 contact with air, the apparatus comprising:
- 3 a. an eyeshield having an optically correct viewing area wherein the eyeshield provides  
4 structural support for a means for securing the eyeshield to the user; and  
5 b. a cushioning structure affixed to at least portion of the perimeter of the eyeshield  
6 wherein the cushioning structure includes a plurality of vents formed by holes in the  
7 cushioning structure for allowing air to circulate behind the eyeshield.

1 34. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33 further comprising openings in  
2 the eyeshield for coupling a strap to the eyeshield.

1 35. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 34 wherein the length of the strap  
2 is adjustable for holding the eyeshield in front of the eye.

1 36. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33 wherein the plurality of vents  
2 do not distort vision.

1 37. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33 wherein at least a nose-bridge  
2 portion of the cushioning structure is affixed to a single surface of eyeshield.